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SUBJECT: EC-9 RELATIONS WITH PALESTINIANS AND EC/ARAB
COOPERATION

REF: A. BRUSSELS 1151 B. STATE 37780 (TOSEC 38)

FOR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

1. REFTTEL A, WHICH WE HAVE REPEATED IN TOSEC SERIES,
REPORTS THAT PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE APPROACHED
ITALIAN EMBASSY CAIRO TO ELICIT EC-9 REACTION TO CREATION
OF PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. EC-9 ARE NOW STUDYING
THIS AND QUESTION OF CREATION PALESTINIAN STATE, IN
POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS FRAMEWORK. BELGIAN FOREIGN
MINISTRY HAS ASKED FOR U.S. VIEWS ON MATTER AND ON GENERAL
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ISSUE OF EC/ARAB COOPERATION, AND FEELS STRONGLY THAT

EC-9 SHOULD NOT TAKE POSITION WHICH WOULD HINDER U.S.
EFFORTS BRING ABOUT ME PEACE SETTLEMENT.

2. WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING CABLE REPLY: (BEGIN TEXT)
 1. WITH RESPECT TO EC/ARAB COOPERATION ISSUE, EMBASSY
MAY SUMMARIZE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL B. (TOSEC 38)
 2. WITH RESPECT PALESTINIAN QUESTION, YOU SHOULD
INFORM BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OUR POSITION RE

PALESTINIANS HAS BEEN LIMITED TO FORMULATION THAT
MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT "SHOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE INTERESTS OF ALL STATES IN THE AREA, BE
CONSISTENT WITH THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY
AND SHOULD TAKE INTO DUE ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE
INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" (U.S.-SOVIET
COMMUNIQUE JUNE 25, 1973). USG HAS NOT TAKEN
POSITION ON CREATION OF PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT IN
EXILE OR PALESTINIAN STATE OR IN FACT ON ANY
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MIGHT PROPERLY
ARTICULATE PALESTINIAN INTERESTS. IT IS OUR PRESENT
INTENTION TO KEEP TO THIS STANCE.

3. ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, YOU SHOULD INFORM
MINISTRY THAT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD
SEE FORMATION PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE AS
FURTHER COMPLICATION FOR PEACE EFFORTS, MOST
PARTICULARLY IN ITS EFFECT ON ISRAEL AND JORDAN.
WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, ANY PUBLIC U.S. POSITION IN
OPPOSITION COULD WELL BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. (END
TEXT)

3. WOULD APPRECIATE APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REPLY. CASEY

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